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1. REQUEST EMBASSY OFFICER CALL ON KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET AND INDICATE PREPAREDNESS TO DELIVER PAPERS PREPARED BY US SIDE FOR CANCELLED BIOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM (REF B), DELIVERY BEING STRICTLY CONDITIONED ON SIMULTANEOUS SOVIET DELIVERY OF (A) PAPERS PREPARED BY SOVIET SIDE FOR BIOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM AND (B) LONG-OVERDUE SOVIET PAPERS FOR MARINE POLLUTION JOING PUBLICATION (REF D). IF SOVIET SIDE UNABLE TO DELIVER AT PRESENT, EMBASSY OFFICER SHOULD WITHHOLD US PAPERS AND OBTAIN KAZAKOV'S ESTIMATE OF DATE WHEN BOTH SETS OF PAPERS WILL BE TURNED OVER, STRESSING FACT THAT ALL
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PAPERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN READY BY NOW. ALSO, INFORM KAZAKOV THAT

IT IS INTENTION OF US SIDE TO PUBLISH BIOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM PAPERS
AS "EDITION TWO" OF JOING PUBLICATION.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER SHOULD AGAIN REITERATE CONCERN OF US SIDE
THAT THIS POTENTIALLY WORTHWHILE PROJECT HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY
HAMPERED BY SOVIET NONRESPONSIVENESS IN COMMUNICATIONS AND
DELIVERY OF PAPERS. WHILE FULLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE OPPORTUNI-
TIES FOR JOING WORK MADE POSSIBLE BY SOVIET PROVISION OF VESSELS
"MOSKOVSKIY UNIVERSITET" AND "MUSSON," US SIDE CANNOT MAINTAIN
INVOLVEMENT OF LEADING MARINE SCIENTISTS UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

3. BEGIN FYI: US SIDE, ALTHOUGH DISAPPOINTED AT OUTCOME OF
SOVIET INSISTENCE ON PUERTO RICO ISSUE, NEVERTHELESS PREPARED TO
GO AHEAD WITH CHEMICAL SYMPOSIUM AND WORKING MEETING SCHEDULED
FOR JUNE IN USSR. HOWEVER, REPEAT, HOWEVER, THIS IS CONDITIONAL
ON SPEEDY RECEIPT OF SOVIET PAPERS PER PARAGRAPH 1. FAILURE OF
SOVIET SIDE TO PRODUCE AT THIS POINT COULD RESULT IN WITHDRAWAL
OF MOST ACADEMIC MEMBERS ON US SIDE, WITH RESULTANT COLLAPSE OF
PROJECT. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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